GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3485
ANSWERED ON:20.03.2001
PEACE PROCESS IN NORTH-EASTERN REGION
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to sign peace accord with all the militant groups in the North-Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the policy of the Government in this regard, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to extend the ongoing ceasefire agreement with the National Socialist Council of Nagaland and two other major insurgent groups in Nagaland;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a) & (b): The Government of India have made appeals to all the militant groups in the North East to give up the path of violence and to come forward for talks within the four corners of our constitution.

There is a ceasefire with NSCN(I/M) backed up by ground rules in Nagaland which has led to positive results. The Government of India and the Government of Assam have declared suspension of operations against Bodo Liberation Tiger(BLT).This is backed up by agreed ground rules. The Government of Manipur has announced a unilateral ceasefire with all militant groups in the State, for a period of one month.

No omnibus policy measures can be drawn up for the entire North East, as the situation differs from State to State.

(c) to (e): The Government is working out ground rules for a Ceasefire agreement with other militant outfits in Nagaland.These are expected to be finalized shortly.